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AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated January 4, 2006, and is timely filed, as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the second month and the requisite fee.